

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 924

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Louisiana The Energy State" prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.188, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide  
3 for the establishment of the Louisiana The Energy State special prestige license  
4 plate; to provide for creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide  
5 relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the  
6 promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of  
7 a special prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.188 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §463.188. Special prestige license plates; "Louisiana The Energy State"

11 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
12 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana  
13 The Energy State" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
14 such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup  
15 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

16 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana Oil and Gas  
17 Association to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance  
18 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

19 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
20 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

1           D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
2           that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
3           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
4           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
5           fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
6           administrative costs.

7           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
8           to the treasurer for deposit into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund created by the  
9           provisions of R.S. 30:86.

10          F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
11          implement the provisions of this Section.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Louisiana The Energy State" special prestige license plate. Provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "Louisiana The Energy State" license plate.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to work in conjunction with the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association to select the color and design of the plate.

Proposed law specifies that the license plate be issued, upon application, to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 for each plate issued and specifies that such fees be collected by the department and forwarded to the treasurer for deposit into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.

Proposed law requires the department to collect a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate, to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.188)